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Title: MAGNETIC BIT HOLDER AND HAND
TOOL INCORPORATING SAME
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RESPONSE TO ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 8, 1999. Reconsideration of the rejected claims in view of this response, is respectfully asked.

It is noted with appreciation that claims 1-23 are allowed.

Claim 24 is rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration, in that the original reissue declaration fails to cover the subject matter of claim 24.

Submitted herewith is a Supplemental Reissue Declaration Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.175(b)(1), which overcomes the rejection.

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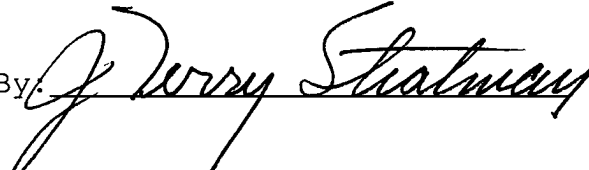
Also submitted herewith is a certified copy of the Amended Letters of Special Administration, appointing Daniel Garramone as a legal representative of the deceased inventor, Frank Mikic. This constitutes the proof of authority of Mr. Garramone as legal representative for Mr. Mikic.

Also, submitted herewith is a Surrender of Patent with the original letters patent no. 5,603,248 attached thereto.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and the allowance thereof is respectfully asked.

Respectfully submitted,

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